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EJNO. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CASC (HUNTER, SMITH)
SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED STUDENTS: PLANNED CONTINGENCY STATEMENT BY
STEINER

1. IN VIEW POSSIBILITY THAT NEXT FEW DAYS FLIGHTS FROM NAIROBI
WILL BRING MEMBERS OF PRESS CORPS DESIROUS OF COVERING STEINER
MISSION
HERE, STEINER HAS PREPARED AND PLANS IF ASKED TO ISSUE
FOLLOWING STATEMENT.

2. QTE: AS YOU KNOW I AM HERE, REPRESENTING THE PARENTS OF THE
KIDNAPPED AMERICAN STUDENTS AND STANFORD UNIVERSITY IN PURSUIT
OFNTHE OBJECTIVE WE ALL SHARE: THE SAFE AND PROMPT RETURN OF THESE
THREE YOUNG PEOPLE. I AM DOING SO ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS AND HAVE
NO OTHER OBJECTIVE. WITHIN THE CONFTRAINTS IMPOSED BY THAT OBJECTIVE
I WILLATTEMPT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE, BUT I MUST
RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION IF THERE IS
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CHANCE THAT SUCH AN ANSWER WILL JEOPARDIZE THESE EFFORTS.

IN
WORKING IN CLOSE AND CONSTANT COOPERATION WITH THE
U.S. EMBASSY. THE OPERATING ASSUMPTION THAT UNDERLIES MY
PRESENCE HERE IS THAT SOME FORM OF DIALOGUE MUST BE
ESTABLIFHED-- AND THE SOONER THE BETTER--WITH THE STUDENT'S
CAPTORS AS A FIRST STEP IVN SECURING THEIR RELEASE. TO THAT
END, IT HAS FEEMED CONVENIENT TO TRY AND LET WORD OF MY

PRESENCE IN BUJUMBURA REACH THE OTHER SIDE. IT IS OUR HOPE
THAT THROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF MY PRESENCE, OR IN SOME OTHER WAY,
TH CAPTORS WILL NOW INDICATE HOW, WHEN,AND WHERE TO OPEN A
DIALOGUE. SUCH INDICATION HAS NOT OCCURRED TO DATE.

BECAUSE THE NATURE AND METHOD OF CONTACT WHEN IT
OCCURS IS UNCERTAIN, I ASK YOUR COOPERATION IN NOT DOING ANYTHING
THAT LIMITF MY FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OR MAKES ANYONE RELKCTAN
TO APPROACH ME. FOR THAT REASON, AFTER
WE FINISH HERE TODAY,
I WILL HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY TO THE PRESS UNTIL A SUBSEQUENT
PRESS MEETING IS CALLED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. UNQTE

3. FOR NAIROBI: WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY ADVANCE INDICATIONS
YOU HAVE THAT MEMBERS OF NAIROBI-BASED PRESS CORPS MAY BE
PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO BUJUMBURA.
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